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Your honorable representatives, Committee on Government Operations The Michigan House of Representatives Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Lisa Wojno, Madame Chair and representatives in the Committee,

All American citizens are proud of the American flag which stands for the freedom and democracy of this nation. Similarly, the three red stripes upon a field of yellow flag has been a symbol of the freedom and heritage of the Vietnamese nationalists dating back to 1948.

Vietnamese-Americans remain vigilant in opposing tyranny of all forms, actively supporting human rights for all people, and celebrating the principles of democracy, justice and tolerance upon which our nation, the United States of America was founded. After the fall of South Vietnam in April 1975, the Vietnamese refugees who left Vietnam for freedom in America always wanted to preserve the meaningful symbol of resilience, freedom and democracy to the Vietnamese-American community.

Therefore, we appreciate your approval to formally recognize the Vietnamese Freedom and Heritage Flag as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American Community of Michigan and your support of the efforts of the Vietnamese-Americans to promote freedom and democracy.

Respectfully yours,

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